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SUBJ: NIEHOUS KIDNAPPING - SEVENTH DAY

REF: CARACAS 2555

1. ONE WEEK AFTER THE FEBRUARY 27 KIDNAPPING OF U.S. INDUSTRIALIST WILLIAM NIEHOUS FROM HIS CARACAS HOME THE POLICE APPEAR NO CLOSER TO LOCATING HIM OR IDENTIFYING HIS CAPTORS. NO SIGNIFICANT LEADS DEVELOPED ON MARCH 4. DURING THE DAY MRS. NIEHOUS (AND HER THREE SONS) TAPED AN EMOTIONAL APPEAL TO HER HUSBAND'S ABDUCTORS ASKING THAT HE BE RELEASED. THIS TAPE WAS SHOWN ON ALL CARACAS TELEVISION CHANNELS DURING THE EVENING OF MARCH 4 AND WAS FEATURED PROMINENTLY IN THE MARCH 5 PRESS. HOWEVER, THERE HAS BEEN NO FURTHER COMMUNICATION FROM THE KIDNAPPERS.

2. POLICE SOURCES HAVE REVEALED TO THE PRESS THAT THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMANDOS GROUP, WHICH HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE KIDNAPPING, HAS DEMANDED THAT THE 22 DOCUMENTS MAILED ON FEBRUARY 28 TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND EL NACIONAL BE PUBLISHED IN ALL VENEZUELAN NEWSPAPERS AS WELL AS IN THE NEW YORK TIMES, THE LONDON FINANCIAL TIMES, AND LE MONDE, AS WELL AS BROADCAST

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LOCALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY. IN THE ONLY OTHER DEVELOPMENT

MARCH 4 POLICE TECHNICIANS REPORTEDLY DETERMINED THAT THE CLAY RESIDUE FOUND ON THE TIRES OF THE ABANDONED CAR WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN USED TO TRANSPORT NIEHOUS (CARACAS 2441) MAY BE FROM THE REGION OF THE GUATOPO NATIONAL PARK IN MIRANDA STATE, SOME 50 MILES FROM CARACAS.

3. THIS MORNING A LEAFLET BOMB WENT OFF AT THE CENTRAL UNIVERSITY. THE LEAFLETS CONTAINED DEMANDS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD IN THE BARRIOS, BONUSES TO OWENS-ILLINOIS EMPLOYEES AND PUBLICATION OF THE KIDNAPPERS' COMMUNIQUE. THE LEAFLET WAS CONSIDERED BY VENEZUELAN POLICE AND OWENS-ILLINOIS OFFICIALS TO BE A FREE-LANCE OPERATION AND NOT AN AUTHENTIC COMMUNICATION FROM THE KIDNAPPERS.
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